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Meeting of the Interdepartmental Group
on START Policy

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The IG briefly reviewed the status of the work program and received brief progress reports on the OSD and JCS SLCM papers. The modernization constraints issue was briefly discussed, and the IG agreed to continue working the papers but to delay any recommendations until the Scowcroft Commission makes its recommendations.

Most of the meeting was spent discussing the draft treaty cabled back by the START Delegation. After discussing the pro's and con's of instructing the Delegation to table the treaty at the March 31 plenary session, the IG agreed to instruct the Delegation not to table the treaty. It was generally acknowledged that at some point the Delegation should be instructed to table a treaty but that there was insufficient time to coordinate this particular draft in time for the Delegation to table it this round. It was generally agreed that the treaty draft should continue to be refined at the working level and that the IG objective would be to approve a text for tabling at the beginning of the next round.

State Dept. review completed

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